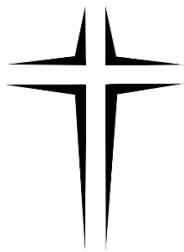




PRACTICING JOY AND HUMILITY

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PHILIPPIANS SERMON SERIES | SPRING 2026



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Welcome to Worship!

April 19, 2026
9:00 & 11:00am

PRELUDE (9:00) Nuances of the Sunda Strait by Trisutji Kamal
Megan Angriawan, pianist
(11:00) Christ lag in Todesbanden by J.S. Bach
Doug McNeel, organist

WELCOME Pastor Charlie Berthoud

MUSIC #250 "In the Bulb There Is A Flower"
(9:00) Ben Johnson, vocalist

CONFESSION, GOOD NEWS, & PEACE Pastor Jess Scholten

Prayer of Confession (*words on screen*)

Good News of the Gospel

Hymn of Praise

#515 "I Come With Joy" (v. 1, 5)

Passing of the Peace

Please greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ. Also, please sign and pass the black friendship pad found in the pew rack.

(9:00) BAPTISM OF WILLIAM VON BERGEN WHITLEY

Son of Jacqueline Joan & Michael Wallace Whitley | Born on: April 11, 2011

Scripture: Matthew 28

Brad Brown, assisting Elder

Vows and Prayer

Baptism and Welcome

Musical Response

#482 "Baptized in Water" (v. 3)

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Megan Berry

All children are invited to join us on the chancel steps. After Children's Time, children 3 years old through 1st grade are invited to attend Kaleidoscope Kids in C208. See page 6 for more info.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Pastor Charlie Berthoud

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

Sermon: "Practicing Joy and Humility"

MUSIC (11:00) #385 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" (v. 1, 3)

OFFERING OUR LIVES & GIFTS TO GOD

Offerings can be put in the lectern as you exit the Sanctuary. You can also give online, by contacting the office, or by scanning the QR code on the back cover.

Music (9:00) "Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly" by Chris Tomlin
New Day Ensemble

(11:00) "Joyful Reflections" by Cynthia Dobrinski
Covenant Handbell Choir

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

MUSIC #80 "You Shall Go Out With Joy" (sing twice)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE (9:00) "May the God of Hope Go with Us"
(11:00) In dir ist freude by J.S. Bach

Sunday Flowers

This week's flowers are given by Mark Soderberg in celebration and remembrance of his father, Allan C. Soderberg, for his birthday on April 15.



Thank you for joining us!

If you are a visitor today, please visit our Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary in the gathering space where you can pick up more information about the church and chat with a member. If you have questions, please contact the church office!

Masks are optional when in the building. Please be respectful of those who choose to wear a mask.

Masks and hand sanitizer are available at the Welcome Center.

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Worship

9:00am Piano-Led

A piano-led service frequently with the New Day Ensemble

11:00am Organ-Led

An organ-led service frequently with choir or handbells

Livestream available here: youtube.com/c/CovenantPresbyterianChurch.

Fellowship

10:00am Bradfield Café

Come join us for donuts, coffee, and fellowship!

Nursery

Hours: 8:45am-12:15pm

Our professionally staffed nursery is available for children 3 years old and below.

Follow the frogs from the Welcome Center to the nursery located in room C101.

Next Sunday

April 26, 2026 | Celebration & Confirmation Sunday | 9:00 & 11:00am

Confirmation Reflections | "Joy in Obedience"

Philippians 2:12-18



General Announcements

Awaken Covenant - TODAY, 12:00-2:00pm

You're invited to Awaken Covenant, the first gathering in a new series focused on building meaningful neighborhood connections, today from noon to 2:00pm (**free lunch from City Barbeque included!**). Connection matters - it supports our health, strengthens our community, and helps ensure we have relationships in place when challenges arise. And at the heart of it all, we are called to love our neighbors.

Walk-ins are welcome!

Puzzling Contest 2.0 - TODAY, 2:00-4:00pm

Covenant's second puzzling contest is today from 2:00 to 4:00pm in Bradfield Hall. Teams of up to three will race to complete identical puzzles. RSVP on the Volunteer HQ board or by scanning the QR code. Walk-ins are welcome! All ages are welcome, with non-competitive puzzles available for those who prefer a relaxed pace. Snacks will be provided! This is a CONNECT event, offering fellowship and connection opportunities with others.



Reach Dane Sneaker Drive - April 19-May 17

The Mission Committee is hosting a Sneaker Drive to support children in Reach Dane programs. Reach Dane serves over 1,000 local children and families, with 32% of those enrolled currently experiencing homelessness. Help by donating NEW shoes, socks, and underwear (sizes 2T-10T and 11-13) in the narthex by May 17. Financial gifts are also welcome; make checks payable to Reach Dane with "Sneakers" in the memo line. Thank you for your support!

Practicing Joy Spring Sermon Series - "Rejoice in the Lord always." - Philippians 4:4

Joy is not the same as happiness. Joy is a choice we make, sometimes despite the circumstances, to remember God's steadfast love and to be people of faith, hope, and love. This spring, we'll focus on "Practicing Joy" with guidance from Paul's letter to the church at Philippi. Join us for Sunday sermons and small groups in April and May to encourage each other in the practice of joy. As the psalmist says: "This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

Children's Ministries

Kaleidoscope Kids - TODAY at 9:00am

Kaleidoscope Kids teaches our children about parts of the worship service and meets every Sunday during 9:00am worship immediately following Children's Time. *Kaleidoscope Kids is for children 3 years old through 1st grade.*

Sunday School - TODAY at 10:00am

Sunday School meets weekly from 10:00-10:50am. *Sunday School is for children 3 years old through 8th grade.*

Families! Family Worship Bags and Children's Bibles are available in the narthex. Our Lounge is open for kids to move around while still participating in worship.

Visit covenantmadison.org/children for more info on Children's Ministries at Covenant.

Adult Education

"Climate Change in Wisconsin Forests" - TODAY at 10:00am!

Climate change is a scary subject for some people. For forest managers already used to making long-term decisions, it is really just one more input to consider. Brad Hutnik, a Forest Silviculturist for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, will examine what the potential impacts of climate change are on our forests and how many managers can incorporate resilience into their management decisions.

Upcoming:

Sunday, April 26 - No Adult Education: Celebration & Confirmation Sunday

Visit covenantmadison.org/adult for more info on Adult Ed at Covenant.

Youth Connection

Youth Connection - TODAY, 5:00-6:30pm

Join us for some fun, fellowship, and snacks! *Youth Connection is for grades 6-12.*

Visit covenantmadison.org/youth for more info on Youth Connection at Covenant.

April Parking Lot Update

Covenant has a long history of supporting mission partners as part of our own building projects. The first time was in 1987 when, in conjunction to a remodeling and construction project at Covenant, the congregation voted to set aside \$50,000 to fund the building of a new acute care ward at Metet Hospital in Cameroon. We have continued this tradition of linking a 10 percent tithe to each of our building projects and will continue with our current parking lot rebuild.

Over \$820,000 has been pledged for the parking lot, so we have the potential to share more than \$82,000 with our mission partners. Half of the funds will go to local agencies addressing food insecurity, and half will go to support our Guatemalan partnership. More information will be coming soon on the process for determining the local beneficiaries. Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Events

Sunday School Celebration – Sunday, April 26, 10:00am

Sunday, April 26, is the final day of Sunday School for the school year. Come join us in Bradfield Hall between services at 10:00am for a party to celebrate another fantastic year of Sunday School!

Spiritual Stroll – Sunday, April 26, 2:00pm

The April Stroll will be at the Ice Age Junction area off McKee Rd in Fitchburg. These monthly strolls are CONNECT events, which seek to offer connection within the Covenant community and beyond.

Apples for Glenn Stephens Elementary – Sunday, May 3

We will be collecting **apples** in May for Glenn Stephens students as part of our Healthy Snack Program. If you'd like to help, please bring a bag (or two) of apples to the narthex on Sunday, May 3. Look for the wagons in the narthex. **This will be our last fruit collection for this school year!**

Soul Sisters Potluck – Sunday, May 3, 12:00pm

You are invited to join our end-of-year Soul Sisters potluck on Sunday, May 3, in Room A106 at noon. Please bring a dish to share, as well as ideas for next year's gatherings, which will start off with a September potluck! To learn more about Soul Sisters, please contact Barb Eikenberry at barb.eikenberry@gmail.com.

First Wednesdays Potluck – Wednesday, May 6, 12:00pm

Cook something at home or pick something up at your favorite restaurant to share and join us for our monthly potluck! This month's speaker is Rhonda Rohn, who will share about her recent trip to Japan and South Korea. Beverages, plates, and utensils are provided. Feel free to invite a friend!

Children & Youth Musical – Sunday, May 17, 9:30am

Join our Children & Youth Ministries for a special musical during worship on Sunday, May 17 called "The Greatest Hymn on Earth," reimagining some of our old favorite hymns in a new, unforgettable way! **There will be only one worship service at 9:30am beginning this Sunday, continuing through the summer.**

Covenant Staff and Officers

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COVENANT IS A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH

In accepting the PC(USA)’s Matthew 25 invitation, we commit ourselves to the work of dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty, and building congregational vitality. In everything we do – worship, education, mission, fellowship – we think about how we love God through loving our neighbor.



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